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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 4343 ACTION SECSTATE MAR 21

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TAGS: ETEL, ITU
SUBJECT: ITU: BUDGET FOR 1979

1. ON MARCH 17, TELATT OBTAINED FROM ITU SECRETARIAT COPY OF ITU BUDGET DOCUMENT FOR 1979 (DOC. NO. 5170) WHICH IS BEING SENT OUT TO ALL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WEEK OF MARCH 20.

2. TOTAL PROPOSED REGULAR BUDGET INCREASE FROM 1978 FIGURE OF SF60,600,000 TO 1979 AMOUNT OF SF63,178,000 REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF FOUR PERCENT. THE ASSESSMENT BUDGET (THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID BY MEMBER STATES) INCREASES FROM SF56,146,800 TO SF56,298,000 OR LESS THAN THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT.

3. HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS CONFERENCE BUDGET LIMITS PROVIDED CREDITS FOR A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN 1979 OF SF3,800,000 TOGETHER WITH FACT THAT ADMIN
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COUNCIL DECIDED INSTEAD TO HOLD WARC THAT YEAR AT COST OF SF5,600,000, AND DESPITE SAVINGS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF BUDGET, OVERALL BUDGET SHOWS EXCESS OVER TORREMOLINOS CEILING OF SF1.7 MILLION.

4. ANOTHER DEFICIT IS FORECAST IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION BUDGET WHERE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE PROVIDED IS SF7,430,000

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WHILE INCOME FROM UNDP AND FUNDS IN TRUST IS FORESEEN
AS SF6,009,900. BULK OF THIS DEFICIT IS DUE TO DROP IN
VALUE OF DOLLAR; IN PAST UNDP HAS REIMBURSED ITU FOR
TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEFICITS.

5. FOLLOWING IS RECAPITULATION OF BUDGET

A. EXPENDITURES	1978	1979
(1)REGULAR BUDGET		
(A)HEADQUARTERS EXPEND.	49,652,000	50,298,000
(B)CONFERENCE EXPENDITURE	10,078,000	12,765,000
(C)MISC AND OTHER EXPEND.	870,000	115,000
(D)TOTAL	60,600,000	63,178,000
(2)TECHNICAL COOPERATION BUDGET	7,610,000	7,430,000
(3)SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLICATION BUDGET	6,656,000	8,476,000
B. INCOME		
(1)CONTRIBUTORS-REG.BUDGET		
(A)MEMBER STATES	56,146,800	56,298,000
(B)OTHERS (RPOAS,ETC.)	4,353,200	4,365,000
(C)WITHDRAWAL FROM RESERVE FUNDS	100,000	2,150,000
(D) TOTAL	60,600,000	63,178,000
(2)UNDP AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO TECH COOP BUDGET	7,610,000	7,430,000

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(3)PUBLICATIONS INCOME	6,656,000	8,476,000

6. COMMENTS:

A. WHILE FIGURES 5.A(2) AND 5.B(2) INDICATE THE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION BUDGET IS IN BALANCE, THIS IS
SIMPLY A BOOKKEEPING DEVICE. THE TRUE DEFICIT OF
1,420,100 IS SHOWN AND EXPLAINED ON P.8 OF DOC.

B. THE HUGE INCREASE IN THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
RESERVE FUND IS A ONE-TIME OPERATION SPECIFICALLY
DESIGNED TO KEEP DOWN THE SIZE OF THE CONTRIBUTORY UNIT.
THUS THE UNIT WILL INCREASE FROM 131,800 IN 1978 TO
132,000 IN 1979 AND 30 UNIT U.S. CONTRIBUTION FROM
3,954,000 TO 3,960,000. U.S. CONTRIBUTION FOR 1979
WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT SEVEN PERCENT OF TOTAL ITU
BUDGET.

7. FURTHER DETAILED COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW. VANDEN HEUVEL.
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